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Preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

Note by the Secretariat

By its resolution 2002/11 of 24 July 2002, the Economic and Social Council recommended to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

"*The General Assembly*,

"*Recalling* its resolution 56/119 of 19 December 2001 on the role, function, periodicity and duration of the United Nations congresses on the prevention of crime and the treatment of offenders,

"*Considering* that, pursuant to its resolutions 415 (V) of 1 December 1950 and 46/152 of 18 December 1991, the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice is to be held in the year 2005,

"*Bearing in mind* the guidelines for and the new format of the United Nations congresses, as stipulated in paragraph 2 of General Assembly resolution 56/119, as well as paragraphs 29 and 30 of the statement of principles and programme of action of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme, annexed to resolution 46/152,

"*Recalling* that, in General Assembly resolution 56/119, the Assembly requested the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, as the preparatory body for the congresses, to formulate, at its eleventh session, recommendations regarding the Eleventh Congress, including recommendations on the main topic, the organization of round tables and workshops to be held by panels of experts and the venue and duration of the

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Eleventh Congress, and to submit those recommendations, through the Economic and Social Council, to the Assembly at its fifty-seventh session,

"*Recognizing* the significant contributions of the United Nations congresses in promoting the exchange of experiences in research, law and policy development and the identification of emerging trends and issues in crime prevention and criminal justice among States, intergovernmental organizations and individual experts representing various professions and disciplines,

"1. *Takes note* of the report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its eleventh session[1] and of its discussion on the preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice;[2]

"2. *Decides* that the main theme of the Eleventh Congress should be 'Synergies and responses: strategic alliances in crime prevention and criminal justice';

"3. *Suggests* the following topics be included for discussion during the plenary session of the Eleventh Congress, and notes that Member States may refine these topics and propose additional topics at future intersessional meetings of the Commission for finalization at its twelfth session:

"(a) Effective measures against transnational organized crime;

"(b) Corruption: threats and trends in the twenty-first century;

"(c) Economic and financial crimes: challenges to sustainable development;

"(d) Making standards work: fifty years of standard-setting in crime prevention and criminal justice;

"4. *Also suggests* that the following issues be considered by workshops within the framework of the Eleventh Congress and notes that Member States may refine these issues and propose additional workshop topics at future intersessional meetings of the Commission for finalization at its twelfth session:

"(a) Measures against economic crime: the role of the private sector;

"(b) Cross-border law enforcement cooperation;

"(c) Human rights in criminal justice;

"(d) Restorative justice: community involvement, diversion and other alternative measures;

"(e) Links between transnational organized crime and terrorism;

"(f) Measures against high-technology and computer-related crime;

"(g) Measures against money-laundering;

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[1] See *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2002, Supplement No. 10* (E/2002/30), part one, chap. IV.

[2] Ibid., chap. VII.

"(h) Combating corruption;

"(i) Crime prevention strategies for youth at risk;

"(j) Current practices in and ways of overcoming obstacles to extradition;

"5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to facilitate the organization of regional preparatory meetings for the Eleventh Congress;

"6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to prepare, in cooperation with the institutes of the United Nations Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice Programme network, a discussion guide for the regional preparatory meetings for the Eleventh Congress for the consideration of the Commission, and invites Member States to be actively involved in that process;

"7. *Accepts with gratitude* the offer of the Government of Thailand to host the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, and requests the Secretary-General to initiate consultations with the Government of Thailand and to report to the Commission at its twelfth session;

"8. *Decides* that the duration of the Eleventh Congress should not exceed eight days, including pre-Congress consultations;

"9. *Invites* Member States to be represented at the Eleventh Congress at the highest possible level, for example, by heads of State or Government or government ministers and attorneys general, to make statements on the theme and topics of the Congress and to participate in thematic interactive round tables;

"10. *Encourages* relevant specialized agencies, United Nations programmes and intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as well as other professional organizations, to cooperate with the Centre for International Crime Prevention of the Office for Drug Control and Crime Prevention of the Secretariat in the preparations for the Eleventh Congress;

"11. *Reiterates* its request to the Secretary-General to provide the Centre for International Crime Prevention with the necessary resources, within the overall appropriations of the programme budget for the biennium 2002-2003, for the preparations for the Eleventh United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice and to ensure that adequate resources are provided in the programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 to support the holding of the Eleventh Congress;

"12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to make available the necessary resources for the participation of the least developed countries in the regional preparatory meetings for the Eleventh Congress and in the Eleventh Congress itself, in accordance with past practice;

"13. *Requests* the Commission, at its twelfth session, to finalize the programme for the Eleventh Congress and to make its final recommendations, through the Economic and Social Council, to the General Assembly;

"14. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure the proper follow-up to the present resolution and to report thereon to the General Assembly, through the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice at its twelfth session."